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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted under certificate of mailing on December 1, 2003 in response to the Examiner's Action mailed October 7, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response.

Claims 1-12 are in the application.

Please amend the above-reference application without prejudice as follows:

Cancel claims 6-12.

Please substitute the following amended claims 1-5: